

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING CATHETER-BASED ANNULOPLASTY USING LOCAL PLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a minimally invasive method of performing annuloplasty. According to one aspect of the present invention, a method for performing annuloplasty includes creating a first plication in the tissue near a mitral valve of a heart, using at least a first plication element, and creating a second plication in the tissue near the mitral valve such that the second plication is substantially coupled to the first plication.